



2015 Woodstove Change-Out REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Purpose, Rebate Value, and Eligibility

What's the Rebate Incentive Program?

This program gives rebates to owners of **non-EPA certified** woodstoves or fireplaces who want to change to **EPA Phase II-Certified** woodstoves, or to stoves or fireplaces fueled by gas or pellets.

The Rebate Incentive Program was created to reduce health impacts from exposure to wood smoke. Wood smoke contains fine particles which might get trapped deep in the lungs, causing bodily harm, especially in children, seniors, and individuals with asthma or respiratory problems. Exposure to smoke may cause symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing.

How much are the rebates?

You can apply for one of the rebates named below:

RESIDENTIAL

\$1,000 REBATE for a new EPA Phase II-Certified woodstove or fireplace used in a residence.

\$1,500 REBATE for a natural gas, propane, or pellet stove or fireplace insert used in a residence.

COMMERCIAL

\$2,000 REBATE new EPA Phase II-Certified woodstove or fireplace used exclusively in a business.

\$2,500 REBATE for a natural gas, propane, or pellet stove or fireplace insert used exclusively in a business.

How to apply for and receive your rebate:

REVIEW	You're on the right track! Reviewing this document will put you on track for your rebate, and is a prerequisite to applying.
RESIDE	The wood stove proposed to be replaced must be in the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District. Call (707) 433-5911 to verify if your property is within the district boundaries, or use an interactive map: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Air-Quality/Air-Quality-District-Boundaries/
OWN	The applicant must be the owner (or authorized agent) of a non-EPA Certified wood stove, currently installed in a residence or commercial property.
APPLY	Download and fill out your application here: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Air-Quality/Northern-Sonoma-County-Wood-Stove-Rebates/ . Please send us the application and proof of residence.
WAIT	If your application is approved, you will be issued a rebate voucher. Please note your voucher expiration date; documentation of the completed project must be received by the District by this date to receive your rebate. Wait for your voucher before buying your new appliance.
PERMIT	Apply for and obtain a permit to install a new heating appliance. Call your local building department, or if in an unincorporated area, call the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) at (707) 565-1900 for more information. PRMD recommends you go in person to apply; mornings are the best time.
BUY	Purchase an EPA Phase II Certified heating appliance from a reputable dealer. Have it professionally installed.
INSPECT	Once the appliance is installed, it must be inspected by a building permit inspector.

DISPOSE	Dispose of the old appliance and complete a "Verification of Disposal" form (available here October 15). The form must be signed by each party involved in destruction of the appliance, and the parties involved must document the disposal and destruction with photos or video.
SEND	<p>Within 60 days of receiving your rebate voucher send the District the following required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the rebate voucher • The sales receipt for the new appliance (rebates will not be provided for any woodstoves purchased or installed before a rebate voucher is issued) • Invoice for the installation, if someone was hired to install • A copy of the building permit and final inspection sign off • The completed "Verification of Disposal" form with supplemental materials
RECEIVE	A rebate check will be issued within 30 days of the District's receipt of the required documentation. Rebates will not be provided if any required steps are not completed, including submittal of all required documentation. The rebate amount will not exceed the cost of the replacement stove or insert, installation costs and related permit costs.

NON-EPA-CERTIFIED WOODSTOVES

A non-EPA-Certified woodstove is a stove that has not been tested and certified by the EPA as meeting federal emission ratings. They produce more smoke than cleaner burning EPA Phase II-Certified stoves, given the same fuel and combustion process. Generally, woodstoves manufactured prior to 1992 are not EPA certified. Applicants have to supply the make and model of the stove they are replacing. Woodstove retailers may verify whether or not the existing stove proposed to be replaced is a non-EPA-Certified stove.

NATURAL GAS AND PELLET STOVES

Natural gas and pellet stoves emit less particulate matter than their woodstove counterparts, and are therefore less harmful to the environment. A higher rebate is offered for replacing a non-EPA-Certified woodstove with a natural gas or pellet stove in order to encourage residents to move away from wood burning appliances.

LIMITED FUNDING

- Funding is available on a **first come, first served basis**.
- The program begins on **October 15, 2015** and will end when all funds are expended.
- A wait list will be established if the number of applications exceeds the available funding.

APPROVAL

- The District will review applications to confirm eligibility.
- A rebate voucher will be issued by the District after approval by mail or email.
- After receiving the rebate voucher, the applicant may purchase the replacement stove.

FORFEITURE

The applicant forfeits participation in the Program if the Applicant provides false information or fails to provide the required information prior to the expiration date listed on rebate voucher.

WAIT LIST

If funding becomes available due to forfeitures or other reasons, rebate vouchers will be issued following the order on the wait list.

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information, interested residents and retailers may contact the District at (707) 433-5911 or airquality@sonoma-county.org.